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SUBJECT: UNESCO BUDGET: DRAFT LETTER FROM GENEVA

GROUP TO SECRETARIAT

REF: PARIS 20538

1. AS PER PARA. 7 OF REFTTEL, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
DRAFT LETTER, PREPARED JOINTLY BY FRG AND US PERMDELS,
ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL RIGAUD WHICH
WE ARE CIRCULATING FOR CONCURRENCE TO OTHER GENEVA
GROUP MEMBERS.

2. UNLESS DEPT. INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE, WE WILL SIGN THE
LETTER AS CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL GENEVA GROUP AND DELIVER
IT TO RIGAUD NEXT MONDAY, JULY 25.

3. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. RIGAUD: I AM ADDRESSING
YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATIONS OF A GROUP
OF COUNTRIES THAT PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL
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CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO'S BUDGET (THE SO-CALLED
"GENEVA GROUP"). AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THESE COUNTRIES ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE GROWTH OF BUDGETS OF
UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THE DELEGATIONS CONCERNED
ARE WELL AWARE OF THE GREAT EFFORTS MADE BY THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO AND HIS STAFF TO MAKE THE

WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE AND TO SECURE INCREASED COST-EFFECTIVENESS. THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE THE BASIC FACT THAT CERTAIN PROGRAMMES REQUIRE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL MEANS IN ORDER TO BE USEFULLY IMPLEMENTED. IN ADDITION, THERE IS NO DOUBT, THAT THE ESCALATION OF BUDGETS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IS, IN PART, THE RESULT OF FACTORS WHICH ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, SUCH AS INFLATION AND CURRENCY INSTABILITY.

HOWEVER, IT IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO AVOID INPROPORTIONATE ESCALATION IN THE BUDGETS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE RESOURCES OF MEMBER STATES ARE NOT UNLIMITED. AS MOST OF THESE COUNTRIES ENDEAVOUR TO STABILIZE THEIR ECONOMIES AND THEIR BUDGETS TO THE BEST POSSIBLE EXTENT, PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO EVER EXPANDING SPECIALIZED AGENCIES BUDGETS BECOMES MORE AND MORE RELEVANT.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU SHARE OUR VIEW THAT EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTRIES WHICH MAKE THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO'S AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' BUDGETS ARE, COMPARED WITH THE OVERALL NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS, ONLY A MINORITY, THEIR OPINION AND CONCERN SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF THE MAIN CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE OUR INTEREST TO HAVE, ALREADY AT AN EARLY STAGE, CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU ON THE QUESTION OF A REASONABLY CONCEIVED BUDGET GROWTH FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM 1979-1980. IT WOULD, IN OUR OPINION, BE USEFUL IF SUCH CONSULTATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ARE FIXED, EVEN THOUGH PROVISIONALLY, BY FORMALIZED PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARIAT. IN ORDER TO MAKE THEIR FIRST EVALUATIONS, THE DELEGATIONS CONCERNED WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU WHETHER YOU COULD GIVE US SOME INDICATIONS ON THE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARIAT WITH REGARD TO THE BUDGET 1979-1980 IN SO FAR SUCH ESTIMATES ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT OUR AIM IS A PROGRESSIVELY DEEPENING DIALOGUE WITH THE SECRETARIAT AS THE PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET TAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHAPE IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT POSSIBLE CONCENSUS AND TO AVOID OPEN CONFRONTATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, ETC., ETC. SINCERELY,
WILLIAM B. JONES, CHAIRMAN, GENEVA GROUP (UNESCO).
END QUOTE.
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